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CANAL TREATY SIGNED

GOVERNMENT OF THE PANAMA
REPUBLIC RATIFIES THE
NEW CONVENTION.

PUBLIC VIEWS CEREMONY

GENERAL JOLLIFICATION IN CITY
OF PANAMA OVER THE SIGN-
ING OF THE TREATY.

Panama, Dec. 3.—In the grand salon of the governmental palace the Isthmian canal treaty between the United States and the republic of Panama was signed at 11:33 Wednesday morning by the members of the junta and by all the ministers of the Panama republic. Señor Arango, president of the junta, was the first to sign the document. A number of prominent persons were present, including Señor Brid, president of the municipality of Panama, and General Huertas, commander-in-chief of the forces of the republic.

The ceremony was performed in public, a number of Panamanians crowding the doors of the salon. A big flag of the new republic was draped behind the table on which the document was signed. Photographs were taken of the principal signers as they attached their signatures to the treaty. Señor Arango announced that the treaty would not only be signed but that the fact of its ratification would be published Wednesday afternoon. This announcement was greeted with great applause by the assemblage. Immediately before attaching his signature to the treaty Señor Arango read a decree in which was recited the fact that an agreement had been entered into between M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, representing the republic of Panama, and Secretary of State Hay, representing the United States.

This was followed with the text of the treaty. The decree then says:

Desire Independence Preserved.

Considering first that in the treaty a guarantee of the independence of the republic of Panama is obtained; and second, that for reasons of external safety it is indispensable to proceed with the greatest celerity to the consideration of the treaty to the end that this, the principal obligation on the part of the United States, shall begin and be efficaciously fulfilled; and third, that by this treaty the Isthmian people consent to the opening of a canal and to its use for the benefit of the commerce of all nations, thus realizing the dreams of all Isthmians; and fourth, that the junta of provisional government, formed by the unanimous will of the people of the republic, is possessed of full sovereign powers over the Isthmian territory, it is decreed that the treaty entered into at Washington on the eighteenth of November between M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, and Secretary John Hay be hereby approved.

The signing of the treaty was joyfully accepted by the people and there was no opposition of any nature whatever. The members of the provisional government are pleased and

gratified that the matter is now out of their hands.

The gold pen with which the treaty was signed was presented by the members of the junta to Consul General Guder, with a letter expressing the pleasure the junta felt in making the gift.

There was a public manifestation Wednesday evening in the streets of Panama in honor of the junta, and placards were posted saying that "Colombia's pretensions of its right to sell the Isthmus have been mortally wounded."

There is every evidence that the signing of the treaty is an extremely popular event in Panama.

MINISTER VARILLA NOTIFIED.
Receives Word of the Signing of
Canal Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Two telegrams, one from the junta and the other from the minister for foreign affairs of the republic of Panama announcing the approval of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty, were received by Minister Bunau-Varilla Wednesday.

Minister Bunau-Varilla will communicate the news received by him to Secretary Hay.

The treaty as approved and signed by the Panama junta will be promptly returned to Minister Bunau-Varilla at Washington.

To insure its safe and prompt transmission without interference by officials anywhere, the treaty will be entrusted to Consul General Guder at Panama, who will forward it to Washington in the American diplomatic mail pouch.

Instructions to this effect already have been sent to Mr. Guder by Secretary Hay. This courtesy was extended at the request of Minister Bunau-Varilla.

BITTER OPPOSITION EXPECTED.

Senate, However, Will Ratify New Can-
nal Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 3.—It is expected by the president that the treaty with Panama providing for the construction of the isthmian canal will be returned to Washington within two weeks. The indications now are that the treaty will be transmitted to the senate before the adjournment of congress for the Christmas holidays. It is doubtful, however, whether consideration of the treaty, even by the committee, will be begun before the holiday recess.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee, had a conference with the president during the day regarding the treaty. He indicated that serious opposition to ratification of the treaty would be developed, but expressed no doubts of its ultimate ratification.

Minnesota Horticultural Society.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—Owing to the sudden death of Mrs. Wedge, wife of President Clarence Wedge, Professor S. B. Green presided at the session of the Horticultural society yesterday afternoon. Secretary Latham reported an increase of 182 in the membership, making the total 1,430. Premiums were awarded on apples that had not been placed in cold storage.

Hold a Business Session.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The first business session of the Christian Endeavor leaders' institute was held Wednesday, 20 delegates representing societies in all parts of the United States and Canada being in attendance. The session was devoted to discussions of various topics.

DEMAND IS REFUSED.

Minister Powell Declines to Have Arbitrator Withdrawn.

San Domingo, Dec. 3.—Augustine Morales, president of the provisional government of Santo Domingo, had a long interview with United States Minister Powell, during which he demanded that Señor Galvan, former minister of finance, should be withdrawn from the board appointed by the government of President Wenceslao Gil to arbitrate the claims of the Santo Domingo Improvement company. Minister Powell declined to grant this demand and supplemented his declination by the statement that the United States government could only recognize the provisional government of Santo Domingo when it agreed to strictly observe all the acts and engagements entered into by former governments with the United States. It is reported here that a disturbance headed by General Candelario Rosario has broken out at Barahona on the South coast of the island.

The general situation remains unsettled and there have been many demonstrations of dissatisfaction.

It is rumored that several places in the North of the island are by no means tranquil, and it is considered desirable that the United States gunboat Newport should remain here.

The financial condition of the provisional government is desperate.

BOTH BRANCHES IN SESSION.

Montana Legislature Transacts Little
Business.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 3.—Both branches of the legislature held short sessions Wednesday. In the senate a memorial was addressed to the president and secretary of the interior asking them to restore the entry lands withdrawn in Teton county for irrigation projects.

The feature of the house session was the introduction of a resolution by Linderman of Madison petitioning the governor to authorize the legislature to consider a railroad commission bill and the ruling out of order of the resolution by Speaker White.

Another incident of interest was the passage of a resolution by almost unanimous vote confining the use of the lobby of the house to certain specified people.

No committee reports were made, but it is expected that the committee on judiciary will today report the Duggan disqualification of judges' measure, and the noted change of place of trial bill introduced by Representative Self.

PEASANTS BADLY FRIGHTENED.

"Rain of Blood" Occurs During Storm
Near Salerno, Italy.

Rome, Dec. 3.—A precipitation, known as the "rain of blood," was noticed near Salerno during the fearful weather of the past few days, the rain drops being so red as to leave a stain resembling blood. This phenomenon is said to come from Sahara after a severe sand storm, the sand of the desert being carried by the wind across the sea and mixing with the rain as it falls. Not understanding the reason of it, the peasants of the neighborhood were much frightened.

Age Wisconsin Recluse Dead.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 3.—Martin Gill, a recluse, 102 years old, died Wednesday. He was a native of Ireland, but had lived in Fond du Lac forty-nine years.

Another Crash on Prices

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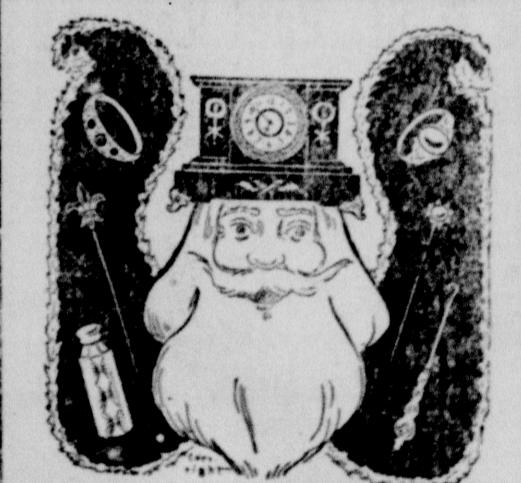
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ROCKEFELLER'S REBATE SYSTEM

Miss Tarbell Says It Made the Standard Oil Trust.

RELATION WITH RAILWAYS SHOWN

Remarkable Chapter of the History of Monopolistic Combination In Which a War of Individuals on the Rebate System Is Depicted. How the Oil Magnate Freed Himself From the Railroads.

The following is an extract from Miss Tarbell's "History of the Standard Oil Company" in McClure's for December:

General Butler knew something of the oil business. Four years before he had been employed by the Pennsylvania Transportation company to take care of the legal side of their great undertaking—a seaboard pipe line—and he had a convincing experience of the Standard's power. He reviewed the history of the oil business, making a few minor mistakes in his historical facts, but never missing the big facts and leaving no doubt at all about his opinion of the Standard Oil company. He presented the committee with a pretty full collection of embarrassing testimony, calling particular attention to Mr. Cassatt's revelations in 1877, and demanded an investigation. He had no backing in the oil regions, however, and his appeal was the last made to congress from the oil regions.

The situation was saved at this critical time by individuals scattered through the oil world who were resolved to test the validity of Mr. Rockefeller's claim that the coal oil business belonged to him. "We have a right to do an independent business," they said, "and we propose to do it." They began this effort by an attack on the weak spot in Mr. Rockefeller's armor.

The ten years just passed had taught them that the realization of Mr. Rockefeller's great purpose had been made possible by his remarkable manipulation of the railroads. It was the rebate which had made the Standard Oil trust, the rebate, amplified, systematized, glorified into a power never equaled before or since by any business of the country. The rebate had made the trust, and the rebate, in spite of ten years of combination, petroleum associations, producers' unions, resolutions, suits in equity, suits in quo warranto, appeals to congress, legislative investigations—the rebate bill was Mr. Rockefeller's most effective weapon. If they could wrest it from his hand they could do business. They had learned something else in this period—that the railroads feared exposure of discrimination and could be made to settle rather than have their practices made public. This much the hated compromise of 1880 had demonstrated. Therefore, said these individuals, we propose to sue for rebates and collect charges until we make it so harassing and dangerous for the railroads that they will shut down on Mr. Rockefeller.

The case of Scofield, Shurmer and Teagle, which was before the public constantly during the six or seven years following the breaking up of the Producers' union, in which the oil regions presented no united front to Mr. Rockefeller, served to keep public attention on the ruinous effect of the rebate and to strengthen the feeling that drastic legislation must be taken if Mr. Rockefeller's exploit was to be prevented in other industries.

Another case came out in this war of individuals on the rebate system, which heightened the popular indignation against the Standard. It was a case showing that the Standard Oil company had not yet abandoned that unique feature of its railroad contracts by which a portion of the money which other people paid for their freight was handed over to them. This peculiar development of the rebate system seems to have belonged exclusively to Mr. Rockefeller. Indeed a careful search of all the tremendous mass of materials which the various investigations of railroads have produced shows no other case, so far as the writer knows, of this practice. It was the clause of the South Improvement contracts which provoked the greatest outcry. It was the feature of Mr. Cassatt's revelations in 1877 which dumfounded the public and which no one would believe until they saw the actual agreements Mr. Cassatt presented.

The oil regions as a whole did not hesitate to say that they believed this practice was still in operation, but naturally proof was most difficult to secure. The demonstration came in 1885 through one of the most aggressive and violent independents which the war in oil has produced, Mr. George Rice of Marietta, O. Mr. Rice, an oil producer, had built a refinery at Marietta in 1873. He sold his oil in the state, the west and south. Six years later his business was practically stopped by a sudden rise in rates on the Ohio roads, an advance of fully 100 per cent being made on freights from Marietta, where there were several independent refiners, although no similar advance was made from Wheeling and Cleveland, where the Standard refineries were located. These discriminations were fully shown in an investigation by the Ohio state legislature in 1879. From that time on Mr. Rice was in constant difficulty about rates.

In 1882 Mr. Rice began to draw the crude supply for his refinery from his own production in the Macksburg field of southeastern Ohio, not far from Marietta. The Standard had not at that time taken its pipe lines in the Macksburg field, and the oil was gathered by a line owned by a Mr. A. J.

Brunerd and carried to the Cincinnati and Marietta railroad. Now, Mr. Brunerd had made a contract with this railroad by which his oil was to be carried for 15 cents a barrel, and all other shippers were to pay 30 cents. Rice, who conveyed his oil to the railroad by his own pipe line, got a rate of 25 cents by using his own tank car. Later he succeeded in getting a rate of 17½ cents. Thus the rebate system was established on this road from the mackingsburg field.

In 1883 the Standard Oil company took their line into the field, and soon after Brunerd retired from the pipe line business there. When he went out he tried to sell the Standard people his contract with the railroad, but they refused it. They describe this contract as the worst they ever saw, but they seem to have gone Mr. Brunerd one better, for they immediately contracted with the road for a rate of 10 cents on their own oil instead of the 15 cents he was getting and a rate of 35 cents on independent oil. And in addition they asked that the extra 25 cents the independent paid be turned over to them. If this was not done the Standard would be under the painful necessity of taking away its shipments and building pipe lines to Marietta.

The Cincinnati and Marietta railroad at that time was in the hands of a receiver, described as a "fussy old gentleman proud of his position and fond of riding up and down the road in his private car." It is probably a good description. Certainly it is evident from what follows that the receiver was much "tossed up" ethically. Anxious to keep up the income of his road, he finally consented to the arrangement the Standard demanded. But he was worried lest his immoral arrangement be dragged into court and wrote to his counsel asking if there was any way of evading conviction in case of discovery.

"Upon my taking possession of this road," the receiver wrote, "the question came up as to whether I would agree to carry the Standard company's oil to Marietta for 10 cents per barrel in lieu of their laying a pipe line and piping their oil. Of course, assented to this, as the matter had been fully talked over with the Western and Lake Erie company before my taking possession of the road, and I wanted all the revenue that could be had in this trade."

"Mr. O'Day, manager of the Standard Oil company, met the general freight agent of the W. and L. E. railroad and our Mr. Terry at Toledo about Feb. 12 and made an agreement (verbal) to carry their oil at 10 cents per barrel, but Mr. O'Day compelled Mr. Terry to make a thirty-five cent rate on all other oil going to Marietta and that we should make the rebate 25 cents per barrel on all oil shipped by other parties and that the rebate should be paid over to them (the Standard Oil company), thus giving us 10 cents per barrel for all oil shipped to Marietta and the rebate of 25 cents per barrel going to the Standard Oil company, making that company, say, \$5 per day, clear money on Mr. George Rice's oil alone."

"In order to save the oil trade along our line, and especially to save the Standard Oil trade, which would amount to seven times as much as Mr. Rice's, Mr. Terry verbally agreed to the arrangement, which, upon his report to me, I reluctantly acquiesced in, feeling that I could not afford to lose the shipment of 300 barrels per barrel from the Standard Oil company. But when Mr. Terry issued instructions that on and after Jan. 31 the rate of oil would be 25 cents per barrel to Marietta, Mr. George Rice, who has a refinery in Marietta, very naturally called on me yesterday and notified me that he would not submit to the advance, because the business would not justify it, and that the move was made by the Standard Oil company to crush him out. [Too true!] Mr. Rice said, 'I am willing to continue the seventeen and a half cent rate, which I have been paying from December to this date.'

"Now, the question naturally presents itself to my mind: If Mr. George Rice should see fit to prosecute the case on the ground of unjust discrimination would the receiver be held, as the manager of property, for violation of the law? While I am determined to use all honorable means to secure traffic for the company I am not willing to do an illegal act if this can be called illegal and lay this company liable for damages. Mr. Terry is able to explain all minor questions relative to this matter."

The counsel "fixed it" for the receiver in the following amazing decision:

"You may, with propriety, allow the Standard Oil company to charge 25 cents per barrel for all oil transported through their pipes to your road, and I understand from Mr. Terry that it is practicable to so arrange the details that the company can, in effect, collect this direct without its passing through your hands. You may agree to carry all such oil of the Standard Oil company or of others delivered to your road through their pipes at 10 cents per barrel. You may also charge all other shippers 25 cents per barrel freight, even though they deliver oil to your road through their own pipes, and this, I gather from your letter and from Mr. Terry, would include Mr. Rice."

Now, how was this to be done with propriety? Simply enough. The Standard Oil company was to be charged 10 cents per barrel, less an amount equivalent to 25 cents per barrel upon all oil shipped by Rice. "Provided your accounts, bills, vouchers, etc., are consistent with the real arrangement actually made you will incur no personal responsibility by carrying out such an arrangement as I suggest."

Even in case the receiver was discovered nothing would happen to him, so decided the counsel. "It is possible that by a proper application to the court some person may prevent you in future from permitting any discrimination. Even if Mr. Rice should compel you subsequently to refund to him the excess charge over the Standard Oil company the result would not be a loss to your road, taking into consideration the receipts from the Standard Oil company."

When Mr. Rice found that the rate of 35 cents was really to be enforced he stored his oil at Macksburg and built a pipe line of his own from his wells to the Muskegon river, whence he shipped it by barge to Marietta. Some time later, through the continued agitation of Mr. Rice, the case got into court, and the correspondence quoted from above was made public. The judge before whom the case was tried held it to be such a gross and wanton discrimination on the part of the receiver as to require his removal. A master was

also appointed by the court to inquire into the sums collected from Rice and paid to the Standard, and the money was ordered refunded. The sum refunded was small, less than \$300, for Mr. Rice has always been too belligerent a gentleman to submit long to an extortion. The smallness of the sum was of course nothing to do with the master.

The vital thing is that the Standard Oil company at that period, 1883, still included in its policy the outrageous demand that railroads should pay it drawbacks on oil shipped for a competitor. How general this practice was in 1885 there is no documentary proof. It is certain that in 1877 it prevailed on the Central, Erie and Pennsylvania roads. It is certain that the policy continued in 1885; how long afterward there is no evidence to show. In this case the Standard has explained the 35 cents charge on all oil except their own made by the railroads as a through charge from the wells, covering both pipe and rail, and the 25 cents paid them as not a rebate, but a pipeage charge.

It was such cases as these of Scofield, Shurmer and Teagle and of George Rice, amply reported and commented on by the press, that kept Mr. Rockefeller's peculiar relations to the railroads before the public and helped emphasize the necessity for some federal restrictions in interstate commerce. Reiterated demands for relief had been coming to congress for many years now. East, west, north and south sought help from the injustice of the railroads. In March, 1885, the senate of the United States at last responded to the people's appeal and appointed a select committee of five, the Culom committee, to investigate the subject of interstate commerce. There was no question in anybody's mind that this investigation would result in some sort of federal regulation. What did Mr. Rockefeller do in this emergency? Only what he could safely and easily do through the political department of the Standard Oil company. It was not necessary for him to make a big fight on the interstate commerce bill. He could afford to see it pass undismayed. He was ready for it.

By one of those audacious and splendid strokes which characterize his career he had practically freed himself from the railroads which had made him, and by the time the interstate commerce bill was passed and the railroads ordered to desist discrimination Mr. Rockefeller was using another kind of oil transportation. The legislation which the oil regions of Pennsylvania had demanded for fifteen years in hope of securing an equal chance in transportation had come too late. The pipe had replaced the rail as the great oil carrier, and the pipes were not merely under Mr. Rockefeller's control, as the rails had been—they belonged to him.

MARK TWAIN AS PRESIDENT

Humorist Says If Elected He Would Make All Things Jolly.

In a recent interview at Rome with an Italian journalist Mark Twain had this to say, says the New York World:

"The principal reason I came to Italy is that next year I intend to be a candidate for election as president of the United States. Now, as you know, the Italian vote in my country is very large, and I desire to be able to address your countrymen in their meiotic language on my return home in order to persuade them to vote for me."

"Besides, here in Italy everything and everybody is so jolly and happy. I want fun and jollity even in politics. I desire to see a congress brimming over with fun and jokes. I wish that even bankers and banks would instill a sense of fun into their employees and dependents. This brought me to Italy, where I can learn how to be jolly, and I have no doubt that under the circumstances my candidacy will be very acceptable."

Pet Dogs' Hotel.

A recent fad in the fashionable world of London is a hotel for pet dogs. This establishment has been started by Mrs. Chan-Toon in a dainty house in Belgravia. Mrs. Chan-Toon a year or so ago owned the Dogs' Toilet club in Bond street.

Old View of the Sun.

At the First Baptist church of Washington, Ind., the other night the Rev. W. A. Freeman declared that hell is situated in the dark spots of the sun and that the bright part of the luminary forms heaven.

A Moral Tale.

Said Santa Claus: "Tis Christmas eve. The animals looked pleasant. 'And each of you will now receive His yearly Christmas present. But I'd be glad if every guest Would mention what he'd like the best."

The Tapir said: "That pleases me; I'll state succinctly, therefore—If I may be so bold and free—The only thing I care for."

Would be those matches on the shelf With which I'd like to light myself."

His wish was granted. Then upspake A timid little Adder: "Sir, but a trifle it will take To make my Christmas gladder."

A slate and pencil, if you please, Would let me do my sums with ease."

The Reindeer said: "You may believe I'd be a happy fellow."

If I were sure I would receive

A good sized umbrella,

And also I'd like four golosh-

Es and a rubber mackintosh."

The Pig a fountain pen desired;

The Cow tin horns requested;

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ROCKEFELLER'S REBATE SYSTEM

Miss Tarbell Says It Made the Standard Oil Trust.

RELATION WITH RAILWAYS SHOWN

Remarkable Chapter of the History of Monopolistic Combination In Which a War of Individuals on the Rebate System Is Depicted. How the Oil Magnate Freed Himself From the Railroads.

The following is an extract from Miss Tarbell's "History of the Standard Oil Company" in McClure's for December:

General Butler knew something of the oil business. Four years before he had been employed by the Pennsylvania Transportation company to take care of the legal side of their great undertaking—a seaboard pipe line—and he had had a convincing experience of the Standard's power. He reviewed the history of the oil business, making a few minor mistakes in his historical facts, but never missing the big facts and leaving no doubt at all about his opinion of the Standard Oil company. He presented the committee with a pretty full collection of embarrassing testimony, calling particular attention to Mr. Cassatt's revelations in 1877, and demanded an investigation. He had no backing in the oil regions, however, and his appeal was the last made to congress from the oil regions.

The situation was saved at this critical time by individuals scattered through the oil world who were resolved to test the validity of Mr. Rockefeller's claim that the coal oil business belonged to him. "We have a right to do an independent business," they said, "and we propose to do it." They began this effort by an attack on the weak spot in Mr. Rockefeller's armor.

The ten years just passed had taught them that the realization of Mr. Rockefeller's great purpose had been made possible by his remarkable manipulation of the railroads. It was the rebate which had made the Standard Oil trust, the rebate, amplified, systematized, glorified into a power never equaled before or since by any business of the country. The rebate had made the trust, and the rebate, in spite of ten years of combination, petroleum associations, producers' unions, resolutions, suits in equity, suits in quo warranto, appeals to congress, legislative investigations—the rebate bill was Mr. Rockefeller's most effective weapon. If they could wrest it from his hand they could do business. They had learned something else in this period—that the railroads feared exposure of discrimination and could be made to settle rather than have their practices made public. This much the hated compromise of 1880 had demonstrated. Therefore, said these individuals, we propose to sue for rebates and collect charges until we make it so harassing and dangerous for the railroads that they will shut down on Mr. Rockefeller.

The case of Scofield, Shurmer and Teagle, which was before the public constantly during the six or seven years following the breaking up of the Producers' union, in which the oil regions presented no united front to Mr. Rockefeller, served to keep public attention on the ruinous effect of the rebate and to strengthen the feeling that drastic legislation must be taken if Mr. Rockefeller's exploit was to be prevented in other industries.

Another case came out in this war of individuals on the rebate system, which heightened the popular indignation against the Standard. It was a case showing that the Standard Oil company had not yet abandoned that unique feature of its railroad contracts by which a portion of the money which other people paid for their freight was handed over to them. This peculiar development of the rebate system seems to have belonged exclusively to Mr. Rockefeller. Indeed a careful search of all the tremendous mass of materials which the various investigations of railroads have produced shows no other case, so far as the writer knows, of this practice. It was the clause of the South Improvement contracts which provoked the greatest outcry. It was the feature of Mr. Cassatt's revelations in 1877 which dumfounded the public and which no one would believe until they saw the actual agreements Mr. Cassatt presented.

The oil regions as a whole did not hesitate to say that they believed this practice was still in operation, but naturally proof was most difficult to secure. The demonstration came in 1885 through one of the most aggressive and violent independents which the war in oil has produced, Mr. George Rice of Marietta, O. Mr. Rice, an oil producer, had built a refinery at Marietta in 1873. He sold his oil in the state, the west and south. Six years later his business was practically stopped by a sudden rise in rates on the Ohio roads, an advance of fully 100 per cent being made on freights from Marietta, where there were several independent refineries, although no similar advance was made from Wheeling and Cleveland, where the Standard refineries were located. These discriminations were fully shown in an investigation by the Ohio state legislature in 1879. From that time on Mr. Rice was in constant difficulty about rates.

In 1883 Mr. Rice began to draw the crude supply for his refinery from his own production in the Macksburg field of southeastern Ohio, not far from Marietta. The Standard had not, at that time taken its pipe lines in the Macksburg field, and the oil was gathered by a line owned by a Mr. A. J.

Brundred and carried to the Cincinnati and Marietta railroad. Now, Mr. Brundred had made a contract with this railroad by which his oil was to be carried for 15 cents a barrel, and all other shippers were to pay 25 cents. Rice, who conveyed his oil to the railroad by his own pipe line, got a rate of 25 cents by using his own tank car. Later he succeeded in getting a rate of 17½ cents. Thus the rebate system was established on this road from the opening of the Macksburg field.

In 1883 the Standard Oil company took their line into the field, and soon after Brundred retired from the pipe line business there. When he went out he tried to sell the Standard people his contract with the railroad, but they refused it. They describe this contract as the worst they ever saw, but they seem to have gone Mr. Brundred one better, for they immediately contracted with the road for a rate of 10 cents on their own oil instead of the 15 cents he was getting and a rate of 25 cents on independent oil. And in addition they asked that the extra 25 cents the independent paid be turned over to them. If this was not done the Standard would be under the painful necessity of taking away its shipments and building pipe lines to Marietta.

The Cincinnati and Marietta railroad at that time was in the hands of a receiver, described as a "fussy old gentleman proud of his position and fond of riding up and down the road in his private car." It is probably a good description. Certainly it is evident from what follows that the receiver was much "tussed up" ethically. Anxious to keep up the income of his road, he finally consented to the arrangement the Standard demanded. But he was worried lest his immoral arrangement be dragged into court and wrote to his counsel asking if there was any way of evading conviction in case of discovery.

"Upon my taking possession of this road," the receiver wrote, "the question came up as to whether I would agree to carry the Standard company's oil to Marietta for 10 cents per barrel in lieu of their laying a pipe line and piping their oil. Of course, assented to this, as the master had been fully talked over with the Western and Lake Erie company before my taking possession of the road, and I wanted all the revenue that could be had in this trade."

"Mr. O'Day, manager of the Standard Oil company, met the general freight agent of the W. & L. E. railroad and our Mr. Terry at Toledo about Feb. 12 and made an agreement (verbal) to carry their oil at 10 cents per barrel, but Mr. O'Day compelled Mr. Terry to make a thirty-five cent rate on all other oil going to Marietta and that we should make the rebate 25 cents per barrel on all oil shipped by other parties and that the rebate should be paid over to them (the Standard Oil company), thus giving us 15 cents per barrel for all oil shipped to Marietta and the rebate of 25 cents per barrel going to the Standard Oil company, making that company, say, \$2 per day, clear money on Mr. George Rice's oil alone."

"In order to save the oil trade along our line, and especially to save the Standard Oil trade, which would amount to seven times as much as Mr. Rice's, Mr. Terry verbally agreed to the arrangement, which, upon his report to me, I reluctantly acquiesced in, feeling that I could not afford to lose the shipment of 500 barrels per day from the Standard Oil company. But when Mr. Terry issued instructions that on and after Feb. 23 the rate of oil would be 25 cents per barrel to Marietta, Mr. George Rice, who has refinery in Marietta, very naturally called on me yesterday and notified me that he would not submit to the advance, because the business would not justify it, and that the move was made by the Standard Oil company to crush him out. (Too true.) Mr. Rice said, 'I am willing to continue the seventeen and a half cent rate, which I have been paying from December to this date.'

"Now, the question naturally presents itself to my mind: If Mr. George Rice should see fit to prosecute the case on the ground of unjust discrimination would the receiver be held, as the manager of property, for violation of the law? While I am determined to use all honorable means to secure justice for the company I am not willing to do an illegal act (if this can be called illegal) and lay this company liable for damages. Mr. Terry is able to explain all minor questions relative to this matter."

The counsel "fixed it" for the receiver in the following amazing decision:

"You may, with propriety, allow the Standard Oil company to charge 25 cents per barrel for all oil transported through their pipes to your road, and I understand from Mr. Terry that it is practical to so arrange the details that the company can, in effect, collect this direct without its passing through your hands. You may agree to carry all such oil of the Standard Oil company or of others delivered to your road through their pipes at 10 cents per barrel. You may also charge all other shippers 25 cents per barrel freight, even though they deliver oil to your road through their own pipes, and this, I gather from your letter and from Mr. Terry, would include Mr. Rice."

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COSTLY PRICE FOR A BATH.

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"When I was connected with the hotel at Lake Minnetonka several years ago," remarked a hotel man, "we had a regular summer guest a woman from the south who was remarkably stout, weighing something over 200 pounds. One day she called a bell boy and inquired:

"What do they charge for a bath?"

"I don't know," said the boy, "but I'll find out."

"After being gone a short time the boy returned and said: 'Seven cents a pound.'

"'What?'

"'Seven cents a pound,' said the boy a second time, while the woman's face became scarlet as she made her way to the clerk's desk.

"'I want my bill,' she exclaimed. 'I have been grossly insulted and shall leave your house.'

"She stated her grievance, the boy was sent for and explained:

"She asked me what they charged for a bath. I told her I didn't know, but would find out. I asked the steward and he said 7 cents a pound."

"As the ludicrous blunder of the boy dawned upon them both the clerk and the guest made the hotel office resound with their laughter."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Mr. Dolan's Carriage.

Mr. Dolan, through the agency of butter and eggs, had reached that stage of prosperity where he was able to set up an establishment with a horse and carriage, and nobody begrimed him his success.

"But what's the reason your wife drives round in a carriage with the letter C on it?" inquired one of Mr. Dolan's friends. "You've not changed your name, Terry?"

"Naw, man," said Mr. Dolan gaily: "me name has stood me fifty years, ain't it last out me toime. But the carriage was a great bargain at second-hand, man, and the 'C' was on it. Twud cost bit to change it to a 'D,' and I says to Mary Ann, 'D is a kind of a broad lukin' letter, whole C is more delicate and ornamental.' I says. 'And, beside that, it's the very next to D in the alphabet, and, more than all,' I says, 'it stands for continted, and that's what every Dolan that rides in the carriage will be, so let it stand,' and Mary Ann agreed wid me!"—Youth's Companion.

By one of those audacious and splendid strokes which characterize his career he had practically freed himself from the railroads which had made him, and by the time the interstate commerce bill was passed and the railroads ordered to desist discrimination Mr. Rockefeller was using another kind of oil transportation. The legislation which the oil regions of Pennsylvania had demanded for fifteen years in hope of securing an equal chance in transportation had come too late. The pipe had replaced the rail as the great oil carrier, and the pipes were not merely under the rails had been—they belonged to him.

MARK TWAIN AS PRESIDENT

Bumorist Says If Elected He Would Make All Things Jolly.

In a recent interview at Rome with an Italian journalist Mark Twain had this to say, says the New York World:

"The prime-pal reason I came to Italy is that next year I intend to be a candidate for election as president of the United States. Now, as you know, the Italian vote in my country is very large, and I desire to be able to address your countrymen in their melodious language on my return home in order to persuade them to vote for me."

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One of Many Letters.

AFFECTS MANY CASES

JUDGE LOCHREN HOLDS SECTION
4647 OF FEDERAL CODE IS
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APPLIES TO PENSIONS ONLY

SEVEN INDICTMENTS AGAINST
DULUTH MEN DISMISSED
IN CONSEQUENCE.

Duluth, Dec. 3.—In the trial of the government against Svend Olson, charged with subversion of perjury, Judge Lochren of the federal court Wednesday dismissed seven indictments against him and five other local men on the ground that section 4647 of the federal code, under which the indictments were brought, applies only to cases in connection with pensions.

Prosecutions have been made for several years in all parts of the country in like cases under this section of the statutes and in many instances convictions followed. Olson, A. L. Agatin, Ross L. Mahon, E. F. Krelwitz, George C. Swallow and L. J. Hopkins are still under indictments for conspiracy to defraud the government out of valuable public lands in Lake county and the trial of Olson is now before the court.

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Russia and Japan Generally Believed to Be on Eve of Agreement.

London, Dec. 3.—The news cabled from Paris that the governments of Russia and Japan were on the verge of an agreement as to the far Eastern difficulties and giving the basis of the probable agreement, aroused intense interest in London. The inclination in most well informed quarters is to believe that an agreement ensuring the peaceful solution of the difficulties is on the eve of arrangement. Even where some hesitation is shown as to the accuracy of the details, Viceroy Alexieff's decision to go to St. Petersburg is held as confirmatory of the information from Paris, it being contended that the viceroy would not leave the seat of difficulty unless he were assured that the negotiations had reached a stage where no serious misunderstanding would be probable during his absence.

Assuming the news to be well founded, it is supposed that the probable action of the United States may have had a great deal of influence in the decision of Russia and Japan to consent to a compromise in order to avert a war, the developments of which it would be difficult to foresee.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan and the battleship Tsarevitch arrived at Port Arthur Wednesday. These are the vessels which report said would be intercepted by a Japanese squadron before they could reach Port Arthur.

CANAL PLAN REVIVED.

Deep Waterway Project From Duluth to Gulf of Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Mississippi and Lake Superior canal proposition has bobbed up again.

Some years ago the engineer department of the war office, after making several surveys, submitted a favorable recommendation of a route for a proposed canal to connect the headwaters of the Mississippi river with Lake Superior.

A system of locks and dams would be used and plans were at one time submitted by M. Gerald Challoner, a noted engineer, who did work on the lower Mississippi.

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi River Improvement association, held at New Orleans, full transcripts of which have been sent to the rivers and harbors committees in congress, a deep water project from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico was strongly endorsed.

WEALTHY LAWYER SHOT.

Probably Fatally Wounded in Trying to Escape From Footpads.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—James A. Fullenweider, a wealthy lawyer, was shot and probably fatally wounded last night by two men who attempted to rob him. Mr. Fullenweider was returning from a building where he had just paid off a number of workmen and was but a short distance from his home when two men stepped from behind a tree and ordered him to throw up his hands. He turned to run from them and one of them shot him in the side, the bullet passing through the abdomen. No arrests have been made.

ANTONIO CALDERONE INDICTED.

Charged With First Degree Murder for Killing Battalia.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—Antonio Calderone has been indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree, his victim being Salvadore Battalia, the young Italian whom, it is alleged, he stabbed to death on the Franklin avenue bridge two weeks ago. It is expected that he will be arraigned today.

WOULD IMPEACH PALMA.

Cuba Veterans Declare He Has Evaded the Constitution.

Havana, Dec. 3.—Cuban veterans want President Palma impeached. They declare he has evaded the army law and violated the constitution in not issuing service certificates for the payment of the army.

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La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 3.—William O. Herring of Sparta was killed while thawing a stick of dynamite. Hattie Herring, his sister, was injured and their house was demolished.

REVISION COMMISSION MEETS.
Consideration of Dreyfus Case Postponed for a Few Days.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Only incidental mention was made of the Dreyfus case at the weekly sitting of the revision commission Wednesday when before the end of the proceedings General Mercier, the senior member, excused himself on the ground that he had to examine the Dreyfus documents transmitted by the minister of justice. General Mercier added that he would make his report as soon as possible, but that he did not believe he could do before the lapse of ten days.

General Andre, minister of war, has forbidden all officers and civilian employees of the war office to discuss the Dreyfus case even within the premises of the ministry.

According to the Gaulois, a new theory has been advanced that Dreyfus was merely the accomplice of the real traitor, who is to be screened because of his close relation^{ship} to a well known Dreyfusard and because of his former intimacy with a person who once held a high position.

AGAINST HUNTINGTON ESTATE.

Three Hundred Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Filed in Texas.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 3.—A \$300,000 damage suit was filed in the district court here Wednesday against the Collis P. Huntington estate.

The petitioners are David B. Henderson and Walter Gresham of Galveston. The defendants are Arabella D. Huntington and other executors of the will of Collis P. Huntington.

It is asserted in the petition that in 1895 Huntington agreed to purchase from the petitioners the stock of the Galveston and Western railway, after certain provisions had been complied with. The executors declined to carry out the agreement.

DETAINED ON BOARD STEAMER.

Insane Salvadorean Not Allowed to Land at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Immigration Inspector A. De La Porre, Jr., boarded the Pacific Mail steamer City of Para on her arrival from Panama and way ports Wednesday and stopped the landing of Fernando Gallegos, an insane son of Salvador Gallegos, former minister of Salvador at Washington, and also at Berlin.

It is reported by passengers that young Gallegos was very violent on the trip.

Horses Perish in a Fire.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 3.—Fire last night destroyed the stables of the St. Louis Transfer company, causing a loss of \$50,000. One hundred and fourteen horses perished.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

About an inch of snow fell in the Twin Cities Wednesday night.

The late Pope Leo is said to have loaned millions of dollars without security.

Details of an alleged plumbing supply trust will be heard by the Chicago grand jury Thursday.

An earthquake shock lasting several seconds was distinctly felt at noon Wednesday at Effingham, Ill.

President Henry B. Ledyard of the Michigan Central railroad denies the story that he will resign next January.

Dr. Cyrus Franklin Edson of New York, died Wednesday night of pneumonia at New York.

Congressman Vespaian Warner has announced himself a candidate for the nomination for governor of Illinois on the Republican ticket.

Preparations are making for the eighth annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League, to be held in Washington Dec. 9 to 11.

Joshua Ward, champion oarsman of the world from 1859 to 1865, died at his home in Cornwall-on-Hudson Wednesday of pneumonia.

Robert B. Gatling, a son of the late Richard G. Gatling, inventor of the gun which bears his name, died alone in bed at New York of heart disease.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—Wheat—Dec. 79@79½c; May, 80½c; July, 80¼c. On track—No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c; No. 2 Northern, 78½c; No. 3 Northern, 72@76c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, Dec. 2.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$3.75@5.00; common, \$3.25@3.65; cows and heifers, \$2.25@3.25; veals, \$2.00@4.50. Hogs—\$3.90@4.35. Sheep—Good to choice yearling wethers, \$3.50@4.00; heavy, \$3.25@3.50; good to choice lambs, \$4.25@4.90; fair to choice, \$3.75@4.25.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Dec. 2.—Wheat—To arrive—No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 79½c; No. 2 Northern, 77½c. On track—No. 1 Northern, 80½c; No. 2 Northern, 78½c; No. 3 spring, 75½c; Dec., 78½c; May, 80½c. Flax—in store, on track, to arrive and Dec. 65½c; May, 99½c; July, \$1.00.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 2—Wheat—Dec. 81c; old, 81½c; May, 80½c; July, 75½c. Corn—42c, 42½c; Jan., 41½c; May, 42½c; July, 42c. Oats—Dec., 25c; May, 35½c@36c; July, 33½c. Pork—Jan., 10.97½c; May, \$11.27½c. Flax—Cash, Northwestern, 97½c; Southwestern, 91c; Dec., 91c; May, 97c. Butter—Creameries, 16@25c; dairies, 14@19c. Eggs—23@26c. Poultry—Turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8½@9c; poults, 8½@9c.

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It was late when Eleanor arrived.

There was a hum of voices and rustle of soft gowns in the long white and gold double parlors. She caught a glimpse of palms and smilax and tall clusters of lilies standing imperially over all.

She went upstairs hurriedly with tears in her eyes and gladness in her heart over the beauty and fitness of it all—Beatrice in her youth and bridal sweetness and the fragrance and flowers everywhere, with the plenitude of the springtide—and only a few short months ago the hope and promise had been her own.

They had planned it together. Rex and she, those first happy days when their love had been so wonderful in its newborn strangeness. The wedding was to be just after Easter, when all was white lilies and opening buds. It was the only true time of the year for bridals. Rex had said, when the bride was young and fair as one of the golden hearted lilies.

And it had ended before even the storms of February had passed. She had almost forgotten the cause, it had been so trivial—a word dropped in jest of an old sweetheart whom he had met by chance at a reception. He had said

"I will come at once," she answered, and stooped for the flowers.

He lifted them for her, and their hands met.

"Nell!" he exclaimed as he saw that she had been crying. "Nell, what is it?"

She tried to be dignified and brave.

"Nothing, nothing at all. Please go away."

"You've been crying."

"Please go away."

"I won't. At least, not until I know what the trouble is."

She was silent.

"It is because I am here, and you are angry?"

"I am not angry," she said almost eagerly.

"Only what?"

"I didn't expect to see you," she faltered, not meeting his gaze. "And when I did see you—why, it was just unexpected; that was all."

"Did you come here to cry over the unexpected?"

She rose indignantly. He did not have the slightest right in the world to question her so. She would not listen to it.

"I wish to go to Mrs. Langdon, please," she said.

"Don't go, Nell. She doesn't want you very much. I asked where you were, and she told me to find you. It was I who wanted you really."

"But I want to go."

He bent toward her with pleading eyes.

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THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Russia and Japan Generally Believed To Be on Eve of Agreement.

London, Dec. 3.—The news cabled from Paris that the governments of Russia and Japan were on the verge of an agreement as to the far Eastern difficulties and giving the basis of the probable agreement, aroused intense interest in London. The inclination in most well informed quarters is to believe that an agreement ensuring the peaceful solution of the difficulties is on the eve of arrangement. Even where some hesitation is shown as to the accuracy of the details, Viceroy Alexieff's decision to go to St. Petersburg is held as confirmatory of the information from Paris, it being contended that the viceroy would not leave the seat of difficulty unless he were assured that the negotiations had reached a stage where no serious misunderstanding would be probable during his absence.

Assuming the news to be well founded, it is supposed that the probable action of the United States may have had a great deal of influence in the decision of Russia and Japan to consent to a compromise in order to avert a war, the developments of which it would be difficult to foresee.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan and the battleship Tsarevitch arrived at Port Arthur Wednesday. These are the vessels which report said would be intercepted by a Japanese squadron before they could reach Port Arthur.

CANAL PLAN REVIVED.

Deep Waterway Project From Duluth to Gulf of Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Mississippi and Lake Superior canal proposition has bobbed up again.

Some years ago the engineer department of the war office, after making several surveys, submitted a favorable recommendation of a route for a proposed canal to connect the headwaters of the Mississippi river with Lake Superior.

A system of locks and dams would be used and plans were at one time submitted by M. Gerald Challoner, a noted engineer, who did work on the lower Mississippi.

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi River Improvement association, held at New Orleans, full transcripts of which have been sent to the rivers and harbors committees in congress, a deep water project from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico was strongly endorsed.

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Probably Fatally Wounded in Trying to Escape From Footpads.

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WOULD IMPEACH PALMA.

Cuba Veterans Declare He Has Evaded the Constitution.

Havana, Dec. 3.—Cuban veterans want President Palma impeached. They declare he has evaded the army law and violated the constitution in not issuing service certificates for the payment of the army.

KILLED WHILE THAWING DYNAMITE.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 3.—William O. Herring of Sparta was killed while thawing a stick of dynamite. Hattie Herring, his sister, was injured and their house was demolished.

REVISION COMMISSION MEETS.

Consideration of Dreyfus Case Postponed for a Few Days.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Only incidental mention was made of the Dreyfus case at the weekly sitting of the revision commission Wednesday when before the end of the proceedings General Mercier, the senior member, excused himself on the ground that he had to examine the Dreyfus documents transmitted by the minister of justice. General Mercier added that he would make his report as soon as possible, but that he did not believe he could do before the lapse of ten days.

General Andre, minister of war, has forbidden all officers and civilian employees of the war office to discuss the Dreyfus case even within the premises of the ministry.

According to the Gaulois, a new theory has been advanced that Dreyfus was merely the accomplice of the real traitor, who is to be screened because of his close relationship to a well known Dreyfusard and because of his former intimacy with a person who once held a high position.

AGAINST HUNTINGTON ESTATE.

Three Hundred Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Filed in Texas.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 3.—A \$300,000 damage suit was filed in the district court here Wednesday against the Collis P. Huntington estate.

The petitioners are David B. Henderson and Walter Gresham of Galveston. The defendants are Arabella D. Huntington and other executors of the will of Collis P. Huntington.

It is asserted in the petition that in 1899 Huntington agreed to purchase from the petitioners the stock of the Galveston and Western railway, after certain provisions had been complied with. The executors declined to carry out the agreement.

DETAINED ON BOARD STEAMER.

Insane Salvadoran Not Allowed to Land at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Immigration Inspector A. De La Porre, Jr., boarded the Pacific Mail steamer City of Para on her arrival from Panama and way ports Wednesday and stopped the landing of Fernando Gallegos, an insane son of Salvador Gallegos, former minister of Salvador at Washington, and also at Berlin.

It is reported by passengers that young Gallegos was very violent on the trip.

Horses Perish in a Fire.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 3.—Fire last night destroyed the stables of the St. Louis Transfer company, causing a loss of \$50,000. One hundred and fourteen horses perished.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

About an inch of snow fell in the Twin Cities Wednesday night.

The late Pope Leo is said to have loaned millions of dollars without security.

Details of an alleged plumbing supply trust will be heard by the Chicago grand jury Thursday.

An earthquake shock lasting several seconds was distinctly felt at noon Wednesday at Effingham, Ill.

President Henry B. Ledyard of the Michigan Central railroad denies the story that he will resign next January.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, son of Former Mayor Franklin Edson of New York, died Wednesday night of pneumonia at New York.

Congressman Vespasian Warner has announced himself a candidate for the nomination for governor of Illinois on the Republican ticket.

Preparations are making for the eighth annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League, to be held in Washington Dec. 9 to 11.

Joshua Ward, champion oarsman of the world from 1859 to 1865, died at his home in Cornwall-On-Hudson Wednesday of pneumonia.

Richard B. Gatling, inventor of the gun which bears his name, died alone in bed at New York of heart disease.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—Wheat—Dec. 79@75%; May, 80%; July, 80½%. On track—No. 1 hard, 81%; No. 1 Northern, 80%; No. 2 Northern, 78%; No. 3 Northern, 72@76%.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions.

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THE FIRST BRIDESMAID

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It was late when Eleanor arrived. There was a hum of voices and rustle of soft gowns in the long white and gold double parlors. She caught a glimpse of palms and smilax and tall clusters of lilies standing imperially over all.

She went upstairs hurriedly with tears in her eyes and gladness in her heart over the beauty and fitness of it all—Beatrice in her youth and bridal sweetness and the fragrance and flowers everywhere, with the plenitude of the springtime—and only a few short months ago the hope and promise had been her own.

They had planned it together. Rex and she, those first happy days when their love had been so wonderful in its newborn strangeness. The wedding was to be just after Easter, when all was white lilies and opening buds. It was the only true time of the year for bridals. Rex had said, when the bride herself was young and fair as one of the golden hearted lilies.

And it had ended before even the storms of February had passed. She had almost forgotten the cause, it had been so trivial—a word dropped in jest of an old sweetheart whom he had met by chance at a reception. He had said

"I will come here to cry over the unexpected."

She rose indignantly. He did not have the slightest right in the world to question her so. She would not listen to it.

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That the father recognized the propriety of this fine distinction was shown afterward by his often telling the story at his own expense.

A HOPELESS CASE.

A Mr. X. wished to have a telephone put in his house, but his aged mother vigorously protested against it.

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It was over before she realized it. She kissed Beatrice, standing tall and slender and proud eyed, in her white satin beside her husband, and went out into the library, away from the crush of people and the laughter and gayety. It was quiet in the cool, deserted room. There would be an interval of a few minutes before the reception, and she hoped she would not be missed. A divan stood in one corner, half concealed by a tall Persian screen, and she sought its shelter instinctively.

He had remembered. She knew that he had by the look in his eyes, but

there had been no tenderness or regret there, merely grave, disinterested recognition. She closed her eyes as if to keep back the tears that filled them, and laid her head on the pile of soft cushions back of her. The shower bouquet fell on the rug at her feet. She did not care. It all seemed a mockery of their love and faith and broken troth—the gladness of another's bridal and they two meeting as strangers.

Some one entered the room, hesitated and walked deliberately over to the screened divan. She knew his step before he stood beside her.

"Mrs. Langdon sent me to find you," he said. "She wants you."

How queer it was to hear Beatrice called Mrs. Langdon. She almost had to think a moment to know whom he meant.

"I will come at once," she answered, and scooped for the flowers.

He lifted them for her, and their hands met.

"'Neil!'" he exclaimed as he saw that she had been crying. "Neil, what is it?"

She tried to be dignified and brave.

"Nothing, nothing at all. Please go away."

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|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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Some one touched his arm. He turned to find at his elbow a Watteau shepherdess flushed and breathing quickly, evidently but just come from a turn in the waltz. He straightened himself and looked down at her gravely.

"Today," she said severely, "you should be dancing. You look bored to death. What's the matter?"

"I feel like—I feel my part," he corrected himself. She laughed softly.

"And I was just going out on the veranda for a smoke, but I've forgotten my cigarette case," he went on ruefully.

"How hollow your world must be and what a lot of sawdust in your doll," she mocked. "Can't you get some at the office?"

"They don't carry Sulinas there," he answered.

"Well," she said, "I'm not a box of Sulinas, but I'll do my best. Will you take me outside? It's stuffy here, and I'm tired of dancing."

"Come," he said simply as he offered his arm.

Outside was a clear sky, and a half moon just hung above the horizon. They stood for a moment by the veran-



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da ball drinking in the glory of the night. The soft plash of water came musically to them. Mephistopheles sighed.

"Let's go over to the cliff," he hazarded.

"It will be gorgeous over there," she said as they started across the lawn.

"I suppose he was there tonight," Mephistopheles mused.

"Who?" said the shepherdess innocently.

"Oh, Sir Frederick Giles, baronet, F. R. S., and so forth. I can't remember the rest of the alphabetical distinctions," he added.

"Oh, yes," she said. "He knew I was coming as a shepherdess, so he came as Colin. Nice, wasn't it?"

Her tone was inscrutable. For the life of him he could not determine whether it was mocking or serious.

"He'd have made an ideal Falstaff," growled Mephistopheles.

He fancied he heard a giggle from the shepherdess, but being uncertain on this point he remained discreetly silent until they reached the cliff. He seated his cape for her, and they seated themselves on the brink.

"Now the professor is lost! This plan is not good. What shall I do now?"

fitted for." She turned impetuously toward him.

"Oh, you great, big, generous boy," she said warmly. "that's just like you!"

Mephistopheles felt his heart dive for his boots.

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But in the anxiety to fix up a compromise everybody forgot to notify the senator of what the arrangements were. Therefore, when a day or two before the date of his visit, the senator got a polite note from one H. C. Freese inviting him to be his guest he promptly accepted it. He did not know Freese and, of course, did not know that Freese was the publisher of the most radical "Pop" paper to be found in western Kansas. When he arrived at the depot in Hays, he found the hosts of politics and society assembled. After shaking hands with those around him he asked, "And where is Mr. Freese?" At once Mr. Freese presented himself, and thereupon the tall senator linked his arm with that of the diminutive "Pop" editor, and the pair walked off to a buggy which Freese had provided, leaving the crowd too amazed and astonished to utter a word.—*Kansas City Journal*

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An absent minded professor was much annoyed by the trouble he experienced every morning in hunting for his clothes, for he never could remember where he had put them the night before when he undressed. So he devised the plan of writing down on a sheet of paper where each article of clothing was placed as he took it off, and this is what he wrote:

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"Ah!" he cried in bewilderment. "Now the professor is lost! This plan is not good. What shall I do now?"

Applying His Immortality.

Joaquin Miller, "the Poet of the Sierras," visited a friend in Boston. This friend, whose literary tastes run largely to Emerson, Browning and Maeterlinck, found the venerable poet in the library one afternoon absorbed in a book.

"What are you reading?" asked the Bostonian.

"A novel by Bret Harte," replied the poet.

The Hubite sniffed, "I cannot see," said he, "how an immortal being can waste his time with such stuff."

"Are you quite sure," asked Miller, "that I am an immortal being?"

"Why, of course you are," was the unwary reply.

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One of the most interesting figures in congress is the delegate from Hawaii, Prince Cupid, says the Atlanta Journal. His real name is Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole. He acquired the title "Cupid" while at school in San Francisco, and now he is to be officially called out of his name again because the president cannot pronounce his appellation. He is to be known in official circles as Mr. Kuhio.

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"I shall not call him Prince Cupid," Mr. Roosevelt declared, "and I cannot pronounce his last name. I never would be able to remember it, anyhow. Can't we cut it off somewhere and make it simpler?"

Mr. Haywood conferred with Prince Cupid's advisers and after a lengthy debate Mr. Kuhio was evolved from the troublesome cognomen. Mr. Haywood returned to the White House with the abbreviated title, which proved acceptable to Mr. Roosevelt. Hereafter all invitations to the delegate from Hawaii will be addressed simply to Mr. Kuhio.

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Educator Says Pupils Should Learn Humility and Frugality.

Professor M. L. Perrin of Boston university discussed the teaching of morals in the public schools before the Massachusetts Teachers' association in Boston on the other day. He maintained that the time had now arrived when the public schools must take up the matter. How to go to work in a correct way, Professor Perrin said, was a matter to be considered. The children should be taught to be good, but not that if they were good they would all grow up to be presidents. He added:

"We all know our virtues, but one of our weaknesses is lack of humility. That is a virtue much overlooked today. Parents cry out for success. Success is everything, humility is forgotten. Our fathers did chores, our sons refuse to do and put the same energy into football. Our girls decline to do housework. Our young husbands must have their wives well dressed when they go to a whisky party. We have not the virtue of frugality. We should teach it. We are on the border of despotism, and the schools can cure it."

A PICTURE OF HEAVEN.

Michigan Girl In Trance Says She Talked With Departed Spirits.

Mary A. Kidder of Kalamazoo, Mich., who has been going into trances recently, has startled her friends with the stories she tells of her experiences while unconscious. She says she has visited heaven and conversed with departed spirits.

"When I go into a trance I seem to be lifted upward," she said. "About me stretches a great country, but there are no houses or streets. Beautiful white robed angels are singing and talking and sailing through the air. I am dashed through two immense white pearly gates, and then the beauty of the whole place is before me. Colors of every description and the most beautiful music are seen and heard on every side. I seem to know all the people there, and they come to me and talk. A spirit told me that when I died I would be free to move just as they do. I cannot understand how angels go through air. They have no wings, neither do they walk."

NOVEL BANQUET.

Man With a Big Purse Will Invite a Whole Town.

Senator J. B. Foraker recently received an invitation to a novel banquet, says a Cincinnati special to the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The function is to take place at Athens, O., and the host is to be George A. Beaton, who was a clerk in the governor's office when Foraker was the chief executive of the state. Beaton is a native of Athens, but went to New York and accumulated a fortune of several millions. Dietrich was conceded title and sold at a handsome figure.

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He will return to Athens next June and entertain all of the citizens of that little city in a body at a banquet during the week of the commencement exercises of the Ohio university. Men, women and children, everybody, will assemble at the immense festive board and make merry, with Mr. Beaton to foot all the bills.

Grawsome Relic of Quantrell.

The Kansas State Historical society has the thigh bones of Quantrell, the notorious guerrilla leader, says a Topeka dispatch. They were presented to the society by W. W. Scott of Canal Dover, O., on condition that they should not be exhibited until after Quantrell's mother died. Her death now permits the society to register them and put them on exhibition. Mr. Scott presented them to the society in 1888. He said that he was with Quantrell when the guerrilla was killed.

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THE GERM THEORY.

De Foé Gave a Hint of It in the Early Eighteenth Century.

De Foé's "Journal of the Plague Year," published in 1722, contains two passages which grope toward bacteriology. De Foé himself pretends to disbelieve the theories. But one day he met her on the golf links. Her arms were bronzed and her teeth gleamed as pearls when she smiled at him.

"Your lips," he said, "are like rubies and your eyes are like great diamonds."

"And your nerve," she tittered, "is like steel, but you haven't got enough tin."

It was then that the iron entered his soul. "Alas," he sighed, "she can never be mine!"—Judge.

Thorny Path of the Musician.

It is the bitter truth that fairly good musicians too often find after years of study and expense that it is almost impossible to

LOVE OR THE ALPHABET

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A very disgruntled Mephistopheles leaned against a post watching the fantastic assembly whirl and turn to the strains of a Strauss waltz. Couples in all stages of incongruous pairing glided past his stand—William Shakespeare with a portly Martha Washington in tow, Catherine de' Medici in the arms of a cowboy with fringed trousers and clanking spurs, a fat and perspiring Christopher Columbus making desperate attempts to regulate his steps to those of a slim Portia, and a jolly Bacchus tripping it with a vestal virgin.

Mephistopheles watched them in bored and indolent silence. The humor of the ill matched partners utterly escaped him. He felt suddenly a loathing of the dancers, the Strauss waltz and the lights. He longed to be alone to smoke and think.

Some one touched his arm. He turned to find at his elbow a Watteau shepherdess flushed and breathing quickly, evidently but just come from a turn in the waltz. He straightened himself and looked down at her gravely.

"Tedy," she said severely, "you should be dancing. You look bored to death. What's the matter?"

"I feel like—I feel my part," he corrected himself. She laughed softly.

"And I was just going out on the veranda for a smoke, but I've forgotten my cigarette case," he went on ruefully.

"How hollow your world must be and what a lot of sawdust in your doll," she mocked. "Can't you get some at the office?"

"They don't carry Sulinis there," he answered.

"Well," she said, "I'm not a box of Sulinis, but I'll do my best. Will you take me outside? It's stuffy here, and I'm tired of dancing."

"Come," he said simply as he offered his arm.

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NAPTHA TANK CAR EXPLODES.
Two Persons Killed and Several Others Injured.

Dover, Del., Dec. 3.—An explosion of a tank car of naptha in the center of a freight train at Greenwood on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railway Wednesday, caused two deaths, the injury of a number of persons and the wreck of several buildings and a number of freight cars.

The explosion is thought to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. The burning fluid was scattered in all directions.

Fifteen cars were wrecked and three were destroyed by fire, while several buildings near the railway caught fire. The dead are: Brakeman Edward J. Reach and an infant, who died from shock.

The injured are: Conductor C. J. Hall, Fireman John Barker, Engineer B. W. Shepherd and Towerman Horace Lynch.

A dozen or more citizens were injured or suffered seriously from shock.

The telephone and telegraph wires were broken and rescue was delayed for some time.

ALL WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

Young Chicago Bandits Engage Legal Representatives.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Gustav Marx, the only one of the car barn bandits who, when arraigned in court, pleaded guilty, engaged a lawyer during the day and prepared to change the plea to one of not guilty. It is not probable, therefore, that Marx will be tried as soon as was expected. All of the gang have legal representatives now. The bandits will, it is expected, all plead insanity.

Received by the Pope.

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Dowie told how he loved his people and of his desire to rebuild Jerusalem, and then he roasted his creditors and the newspaper reporters. Dowie continued in this strain for over an hour, and repeatedly urged his hearers to come to the financial aid of Zion with all the means at their disposal.

Wanted a Million Dollars.

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The collection taken up is said to have amounted to less than \$1,000. It is declared by the receivers appointed Tuesday for Zion City that the affairs of Dowie are in a worse condition than was at first supposed. However, Receiver Currier said:

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Tuesday it was the opinion that the liabilities of Dowie would not amount at the outside to more than \$250,000. Now it is admitted by the receivers and their attorneys that the claims against him for merchandise alone will aggregate \$500,000 and in addition to this amount there are mortgages on his property at Zion City amounting to \$125,000 which are due the first of next year. He owes \$100,000 to his brother-in-law, Samuel Stevenson, making a total indebtedness of \$725,000.

The receivers found one of Dowie's banks in operation at Twelfth street and Michigan avenue, Chicago, and they promptly put an officer in charge and had the doors closed.

The fire, it is believed, was caused by a careless smoker throwing a lighted cigar or cigarette into inflammable material.

ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

Prominent North Dakota Politician Accused of Perjury.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 3.—Major J. S. Murphy of Minot, one of the most prominent politicians in the state, was arraigned in the United States court Wednesday and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of perjury preferred against him by a pension agent and confirmed by a true bill returned by the grand jury. Major Murphy is charged with making affidavit that Mrs. Joseph Grinnell, his client, for whom he sought to obtain a pension, had not remarried since the death of her soldier husband, when he knew that she had been married.

AGED WOMAN CREMATED.

Too Heavy to Be Rescued From Burning Cottage.

Elmwood, Neb., Dec. 3.—A cottage occupied by Mrs. Martha Sloatman and her daughter was destroyed by fire at night and Mrs. Sloatman was burned to death. John Folhurst, who tried to save her, was severely burned. Mrs. Sloatman was ninety years old and helpless. The daughter tried to rescue the mother, but owing to Mrs. Sloatman's weight, nearly 400 pounds, the daughter was unable to drag the mother from the room. The daughter was slightly injured.

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Ex-Alderman Lester, it is said, will waive examination today, but Alderman Johnson of the Seventh ward will insist upon an examination in the lower court.

Ex-City Attorney Lant Salsbury was confined to his bed at his home all day Wednesday, suffering from nervous prostration, and in consequence the examination in the case of Alderman Ellen of the First ward, charged with accepting a bribe of \$350 in the water deal proposal, was postponed in police court until to-day.

It was reported that if Salsbury does not take the witness stand today warrants will be issued for the arrest of some of those implicated by Salsbury in the conspiracy part of the deal and it was partly confirmed by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ward, who has the cases in hand. It is expected that other arrests will be made, one or two at a time.

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED.

Ten Thousand Bridge and Structural Ironworkers to Go Out.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—A general strike against the George A. Fuller Construction company and the subcontractor of that company, was declared last night by the executive board of the Bridge and Structural Ironworkers International association, now in session in Chicago. The fight against the Fuller company will be centered in New York City, where the Fuller company is said to have assisted in the formation of a rival union of bridge, structural and architectural ironworkers. The Fuller company is said to have contracts aggregating more than \$20,000,000 in the following cities:

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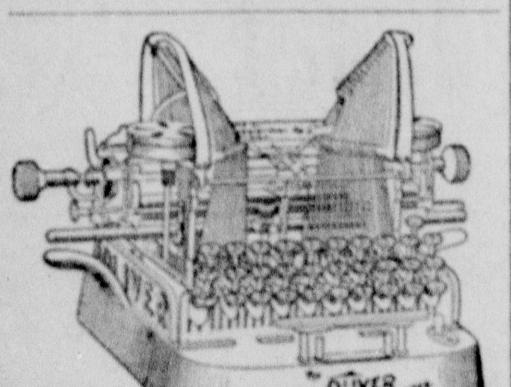
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TO PAY INDEBTEDNESS

DOWIE CALLS A MEETING FOR
THE PURPOSE OF STARTING
A LARGE FUND.

COLLECTION IS VERY SMALL
DEBTS OF DOWIE SAID TO NOW
AGGREGATE NEARLY ONE
MILLION DOLLARS.

Zion City, Ill., Dec. 3.—A great gathering was held in the Tabernacle last night. It was called by Dowie to start a fund of \$1,000,000 with which to pay off all the indebtedness that hangs over Zion City and himself. The outpouring of his followers was not one to bring cheer to the heart of the general overseer of Zion. The tabernacle seats 6,000 persons and usually all the seats are taken at the special meetings called by Dowie. Last night the hall was not half filled, and the gathering was not as enthusiastic as might be desired by a man who is in immediate need of funds. Dowie gave to his followers a financial statement of the affairs of Zion, told them he was solvent, the only trouble being that he was not able to realize on his assets at once. The only thing he needed was a contribution of ready money with which to tide over the crisis in Zion City, and this once done, Zion would grow to greater power than ever before.

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Wanted a Million Dollars.
"We want \$1,000,000," he said, "and I want the faithful here in Zion City to contribute half of that sum. I want it now, tonight."

The collection taken up is said to have amounted to less than \$1,000. It is declared by the receivers appointed Tuesday for Zion City that the affairs of Dowie are in a worse condition than was at first supposed. However, Receiver Currier said:

"I believe that Dr. Dowie will be able to pay off all his obligations in time. Just how long this time will be is something we shall not be able to tell until we have made a thorough investigation of all his affairs. I understand that Dr. Dowie thinks that he will be able to settle all his claims in the course of five weeks."

Tuesday it was the opinion that the liabilities of Dowie would not amount at the outside to more than \$350,000. Now it is admitted by the receivers and their attorneys that the claims against him for merchandise alone will aggregate \$500,000 and in addition to this amount there are mortgages on his property at Zion City amounting to \$125,000 which are due the first of next year. He owes \$100,000 to his brother-in-law, Samuel Stevenson, making a total indebtedness of \$725,000.

The receivers found one of Dowie's banks in operation at Twelfth street and Michigan avenue, Chicago, and they promptly put an officer in charge and had the doors closed.

NAPTHA TANK CAR EXPLODES.

Two Persons Killed and Several Others Injured.

Dover, Del., Dec. 3.—An explosion of a tank car of naptha in the center of a freight train at Greenwood on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railway Wednesday, caused two deaths, the injury of a number of persons and the wreck of several buildings and a number of freight cars.

The explosion is thought to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. The burning fluid was scattered in all directions.

Fifteen cars were wrecked and three were destroyed by fire, while several buildings near the railway caught fire. The dead are: Brakeman Edward J. Roach and an infant, who died from shock.

The injured are: Conductor C. J. Hall, Fireman John Barker, Engineer B. W. Shepherd and Towerman Horace Lynch.

A dozen or more citizens were injured or suffered seriously from shock. The telephone and telegraph wires were broken and rescue was delayed for some time.

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FIVE MAY PLEAD GUILTY.

Indicted Men Wave Examination at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 3.—Attorney John McDonald's announcement that he expected five of his clients to plead guilty in the superior court was the principal development in the water plant boodle scandal Wednesday. Five of Attorney McDonald's clients appeared before the police magistrate and waived examination to the higher court. It is generally understood that those who plead guilty of accepting bribes will be punished by fines and no imprisonment and that they will be used as witnesses by the prosecution in the cases of city officials who insist upon having trials. The five men who waived examination are:

Ex-Alderman John Donovan, Clarke E. Slosom, John McLachlan, Ryner N. Stonerhouse and Corey P. Bissell, a former member of the board of works.

Ex-Alderman Lester, it is said, will waive examination today, but Alderman Johnson of the Seventh ward will insist upon an examination in the lower court. Ex-City Attorney Lant Salsbury was confined to his bed at his home all day Wednesday, suffering from nervous prostration, and in consequence the examination in the case of Alderman Ellen of the First ward, charged with accepting a bribe of \$350 in the water deal proposal, was postponed in police court until to-day.

It was reported that if Salsbury does not take the witness stand today warrants will be issued for the arrest of some of those implicated by Salsbury in the conspiracy part of the deal and it was partly confirmed by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ward, who has been solvent, the only trouble being that he was not able to realize on his assets at once. The only thing he needed was a contribution of ready money with which to tide over the crisis in Zion City, and this once done, Zion would grow to greater power than ever before.

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GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED.

Ten Thousand Bridge and Structural Ironworkers to Go Out.

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New York, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Omaha, St. Louis, Boston, Washington and Pittsburg.

Nearly 10,000 men are said to be directly affected by the strike order in these cities and in the event sympathetic strikes are called more than 70,000 would be affected.

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On motion duly carried the auditor was directed to advertise for bids for county printing and for poor physician for 1904.

Petition for the formation of a new school district from fractional sections 13, 14 and 15, and sections 23 and 24, town 137, range 28, and sections 18, 19 and fractional sections 17 and that part of section 7 lying south of Pine river, was read, granted, and auditor directed to issue proper notices.

Proposition of E. L. Trask to pay \$240,000 for all taxes on land in section 22, town 138, range 27, was granted, subject to approval of state auditor.

On motion duly carried bill of V. F. Rounds for \$6,000 was rejected.

A petition for the formation of a new school district from the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 10 and north $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 15, town 136, range 29, affecting territory now embraced in school district No. 41, was read. Judge S. F. Alderman argued against, and Mr. A. E. Bowe for the granting of said petition and after due discussion the petition was on motion duly made, rejected.

The board proceeded to consider bids for the construction of a bridge over Pine River between Cross and Rush lakes:

L. H. Johnson 81497
Wm. S. Hewitt 1230
P. G. Fogelstrom 1125
P. G. Fogelstrom 1175

Motion made and seconded to accept the bid of Mr. Fogelstrom for a bridge with a 32 foot span for \$1125. On call for ayes and nays Commissioners Erickson and Kienow voted yea and Commissioners Gardner, Maghan and chairman voted nay. Motion lost. Moved and seconded that the bid of Wm. H. Hewitt be accepted, on which motion Commissioners Erickson and Kienow voted nay and Commissioners Gardner, Maghan and chairman voted yea. Motion declared carried.

Too Heavy to Be Rescued From Burning Cottage.

Elmwood, Neb., Dec. 3.—A cottage occupied by Mrs. Martha Scootman and her daughter was destroyed by fire at night and Mrs. Scootman was severely burned. Mrs. Scootman was ninety years old and helpless. The daughter tried to rescue the mother, but owing to Mrs. Scootman's weight, nearly 400 pounds, the daughter was unable to drag the mother from the room. The daughter was slightly injured.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—William Young, colored, was fatally burned at a fire which broke out in their rooms, 1005 Washington avenue south, Wednesday. The fire gained such headway that when they awakened both were nearly suffocated. They broke the glass in the window of their room and were carried to the ground by firemen. Young was taken to the city hospital, where he expired a few hours later.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Meeting Held December 1st, 1903.

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| Henry L. Cohen, groceries for poor farm | 50 76 |
| A. M. Peterson, road work | 150 00 |
| Sam Thompson, do | 23 57 |
| J. A. Repery, do | 80 00 |
| A. G. Colmer, fire warden services | 10 00 |
| L. L. Resnes, do | 2 00 |
| Alfred Kittelson, do | 1 50 |
| Sidney Alward, do | 1 50 |
| Apsom Bromfield, do | 1 50 |
| Peter Nelson, do | 1 50 |
| Swan Johnson, do | 1 50 |
| Marius Knudson, do | 1 50 |
| Dick Sagle, road work | 50 00 |
| Ehodes & Paine, repairs road machine | 13 50 |
| Rhodes & Paine, repairs for poor farm | 5 50 |
| L. M. Koop, goods for Co. prisoners | 9 55 |
| Si Hall, drying wood | 10 00 |
| Ole Olson, fire warden services | 1 50 |
| C. G. Johnson, do | 3 00 |
| Simon Hansen, do | 1 50 |
| F. H. Gruenhagen, heating plant county jail | 500 00 |
| R. Woolford, road work | 90 00 |
| D. D. Smith, supplies poor farm | 10 90 |
| Mons Mahlum, lumber for bridges | 6 35 |
| Wm Mattson, use of team to bring in dead pauper | 5 00 |
| A. A. Armstrong, board and care of sick pauper | 5 00 |
| J. H. Warner, drawing jury | 3 00 |
| B. N. Treglawney, clerk in Treas. office | 89 25 |
| L. E. Garrison, surveying roads | 12 00 |
| L. E. Garrison, do | 70 00 |
| George Nevers, assisting to survey roads | 3 00 |
| Chas. O. Carlson, assisting to survey roads | 2 25 |
| Alexander Carlson, assisting to survey roads | 2 25 |
| Chas. Blomquist, assisting to survey roads | 11 25 |
| Louis Schultz, assisting to survey roads | 11 25 |
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